

CITY OF GROVE
CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2019

Jim Corbridge, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Members present were Brad Wisdom, Amelia Chamberlain, and John Wells. Hitesh Patel was absent. Also in attendance were Donnie Crain and Lynda Redd, Grove Area Chamber of Commerce; Debbie Bottoroff, Assistant City Manager.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the approval of minutes of the April 25, 2019 Regular Meeting. Chamberlain made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve the minutes as presented. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the monthly financial reports. Bottoroff advised members the lodging tax revenue for the fiscal year was down 18.4% from last year. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Chamberlain to approve the monthly Financial Report. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget. Bottoroff discussed the budget with the members. She advised the Council held a Public Hearing at their June 4, 2019 meeting and approved the Budget at their June 18, 2019 meeting. She advised members the Budget may be amended throughout the year as needed. Wells made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve the Resolution recommending Council approval. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the sponsorship application submitted by Southern Drag Boat Association (SDBA). Crain advised members due to the high water and flooding conditions; SDBA would not be holding an event this year and requested the application be withdrawn. No action was taken.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the sponsorship application submitted by Oklahoma Boat Racing Association (OBRA) in the amount of \$1,800. Crain advised members Thunder on Wolf Creek was originally scheduled to be a part of Toes in Grand event held in June, but due to high water the race was cancelled. Crain advised the SDBA and GLOC boat races were both cancelled this year, resulting in Thunder on Wolf Creek being the only boating event held this year. Wells voiced concerns about the event not putting heads in beds. Crain advised the race will be held the same weekend at the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and will provide another source of entertainment. Wells made a motion seconded by Wisdom to provide OBRA with a sponsorship in the amount of \$900. 3 AYE, Corbridge NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion regarding renewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding the Northeast Oklahoma Travel Information Center. Crain reported he had recently met with Amanda Davis, Director of the Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, and discussed options to better utilize the space including more rack cards, brochures and pictures from Grove businesses. Plus providing the staff with press releases of events to help them better promote Grove and answer questions visitors may have. Members discussed options for placement of the kiosk at different locations. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Chamberlain to renew the MOU with the City of Miami. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Bottoroff advised members the City Council adopted the Code of Ethics policy on April 2, 2019, and recommended that all boards, trust and commission members acknowledge and affirm to the policy.

Crain presented the monthly Tourism Marketing Services Staff Report to members.

Board Reports

Chamberlain announced Har-Ber Village was open for business. Corbridge reported the house at Lendonwood Gardens was struck by lightning and burned beyond repair. The plan is to build a new structure.

Adjourn

Wisdom made a motion to adjourn seconded by Wells. 4 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.